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Carlsbad Man Convicted on Three Counts of Tax Evasion

CARLSBAD – An Eddy County jury convicted Garlon Patrick Ellis on three counts of willfully attempting to evade his State of New Mexico Personal Income Taxes for the years 2002, 2003 and 2004. The jury in Fifth Judicial District Judge Gary Clingman's court deliberated for less than an hour before returning a verdict of guilty on all three counts on which Ellis was charged. Ellis was taken into custody and will be sentenced after the Court receives a Presentence Report from the Adult Probation and Parole Department.

Evidence was introduced that indicated that Ellis and his wife, Sherry L. Ellis, had combined wages of over \$308,000 for the years 2002, 2003, and 2004. During these years, Ellis had been employed with the IMC Kalium Carlsbad Potash Mines in Carlsbad. Mr. Ellis failed to file New Mexico Personal Income Tax Returns for the tax years at issue.

Mr. Ellis faces imprisonment of up to one year and a fine of from \$1,000 to \$10,000 on each count.

Sherry L. Ellis faces similar charges and is scheduled for trial in June.

The case was a result of an investigation by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division and was prosecuted by the Fifth Judicial District Attorney's office in Carlsbad.

To report suspected tax fraud against the State of New Mexico, call the Tax Fraud Hotline at 1-866-457-6789.

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